

ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009





ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009

Table of Contents

- 01. Our Mission
- 02. National Director's Message
- 03. Core Outcomes
- 04. Where we work
- 05. Positive outcomes for children
- 08. Quality learning opportunities and enhancing achievements in basic education
- 10. Skilled and involved youth
- 12. Emergency Response
- 15. Significant events during the year
- 18. Donor Partnership
- 22. What our stakeholders think of us
- 26. Financial Highlights



Our Mission

ChildFund exists to:

Help deprived, excluded and vulnerable children have the capacity and the opportunity to become young adults, parents and leaders who bring lasting and positive change in their communities.

Promote societies whose individuals and institutions participate in valuing, protecting and advancing the worth and rights of children.

ChildFund Sri Lanka

Since 1985, ChildFund has worked in Sri Lanka helping deprived, excluded and vulnerable children and their families. Our work focuses on empowering children to thrive throughout all stages of life and become leaders of enduring change.

Enrolled children during 2008-09 totalled 19,247. ChildFund Sri Lanka positively affects the lives of 500,000 beneficiaries directly and indirectly. ChildFund Sri Lanka implements child-centered developmental programs through 33 local partner organizations, and thanks sponsors, ChildFund Alliance members and donors for their continued support for the well-being of children in Sri Lanka.



National Director's Message:



As in the past, the fiscal year 2008-2009 has been a very challenging one for ChildFund Sri Lanka. During the year a lot of focus and energy went into the development of our five year Country Strategic Plan 2009-2014 in line with the ChildFund International new Global Strategy. The activity of introducing and integrating the new core programs in our traditional projects and "Bright Future" areas took centre stage. Coupled with the ChildFund's new global strategy, a change in the corporate brand name and logo was

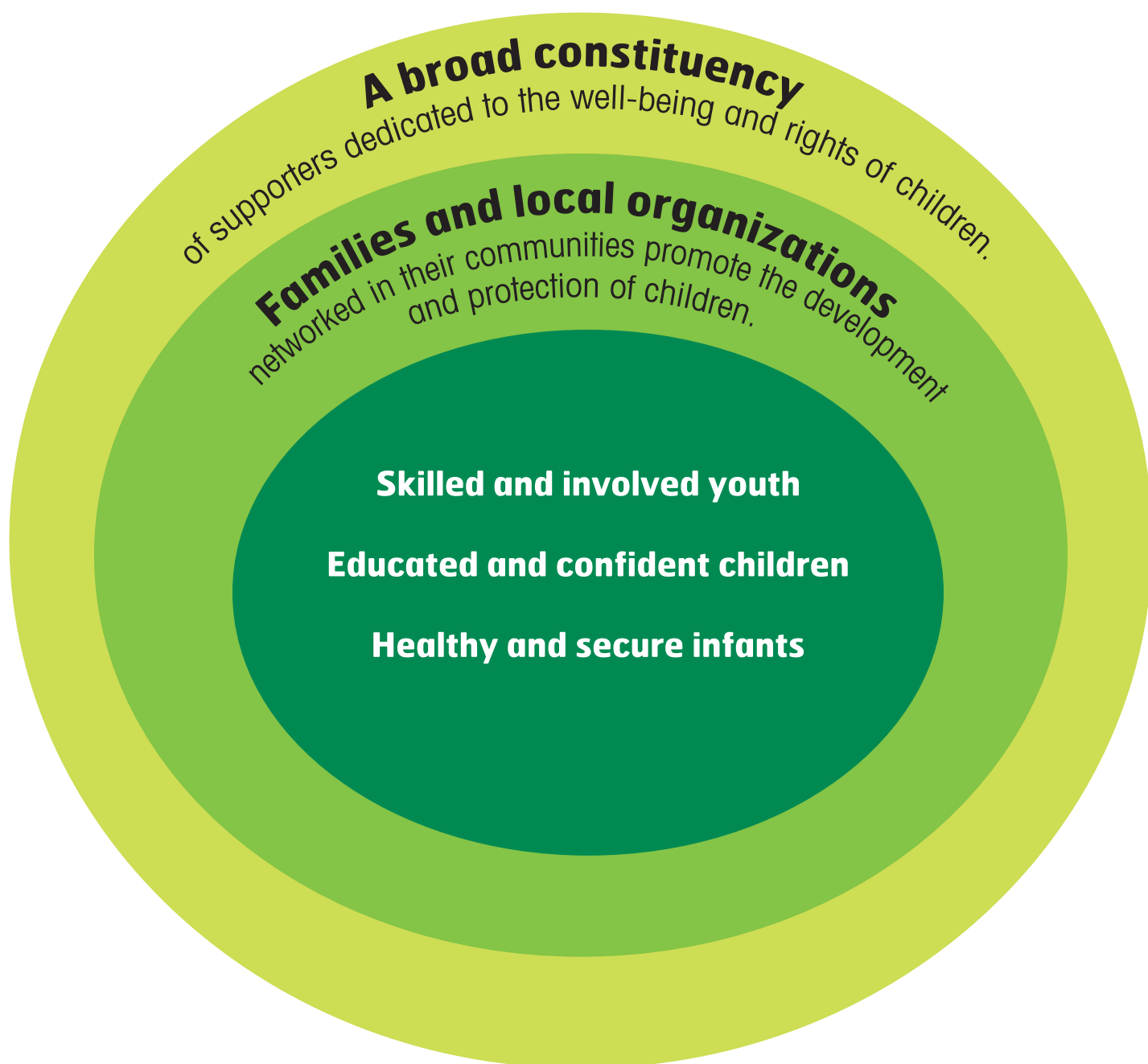
adopted. Thus, our parent organization hitherto known as Christian Children's Fund (CCF) is now officially known as ChildFund International. With the organization name change going global, CCF-Sri Lanka changed its corporate brand name and logo to ChildFund Sri Lanka.

While building upon our past success, ChildFund Sri Lanka has made every effort to better position itself to support the core intent and core outcomes described in the ChildFund's Global Strategy and Five Year Plan 2010-2015. In our commitment to achieving the strategic objectives starting from the next financial year commencing July 1st 2009, as an organization, we are geared to take up the challenge to broaden and deepen the ways that we enable young people to be heard and promote not only their own development, but the development of their family and community. We are excited about what lies ahead as we work together collectively to accomplish the strategy and five year plan.

On behalf of ChildFund Sri Lanka I wish to extend our gratitude to all our generous sponsors, ChildFund Members and other donors, the Asia Regional Office Team, the Sri Lanka Government Ministries and Agencies for a fruitful partnership and moral and financial support during 2008-2009. I wish to thank the staff of ChildFund Sri Lanka for the accomplished efforts in the past year. We look forward to strengthening our relationship and meeting the challenges of the future with the same commitment and enthusiasm as during the past year.

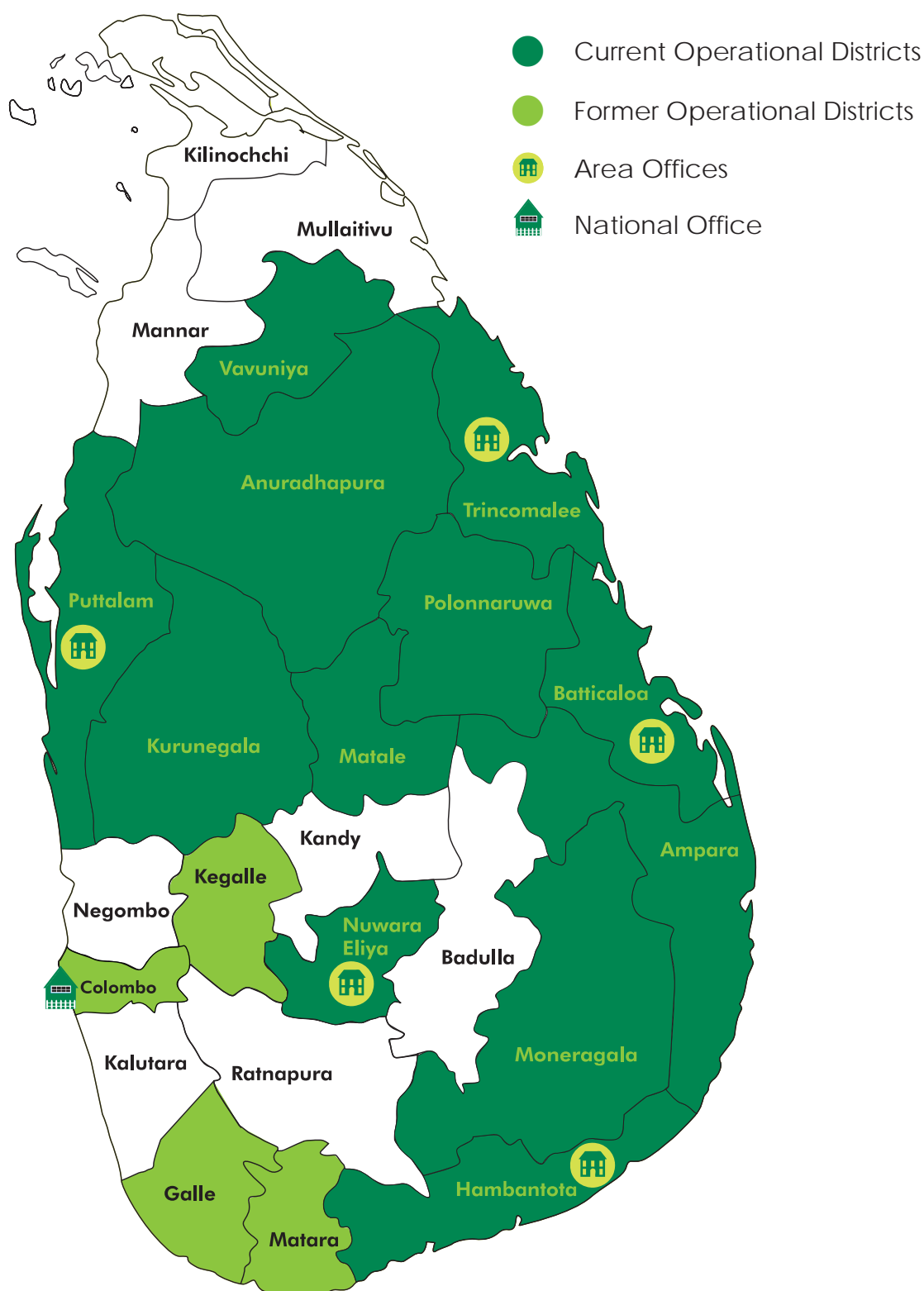
We hope this report reflects our commitment to the children's well-being, the spirit of partnership ChildFund has built in Sri Lanka and that it adequately demonstrates the results achieved in improving children's lives.

Guru Naik



Where we work

ChildFund Sri Lanka works in 12 districts in the country, namely: Ampara, Anuradhapura, Batticaloa, Hambantota, Kurunegala, Matale, Moneragala, Nuwara Eliya, Polonnaruwa, Puttalam, Trincomalee and Vavuniya



Positive outcomes for children

Program highlights

July 2008 – June 2009

Aligned with the ChildFund Global strategy, ChildFund Sri Lanka rolled out the three core programs; “Care and development of infants and young children”, “quality learning opportunities and enhancing achievements in basic education” and leadership and “livelihood skills for youth” to all its affiliated communities.

Care and development of young children:

Addressing development needs of young children and enabling a secure environment to grow in. Good health and nutrition, education, protection, love and care are all essential to a child’s development.

- Established six ECD centers in Anuradhapura and Puttalam maintaining the minimum standards introduced by the Government. Trained 996 mothers/caregivers in home-based care resulting in the improvement of their knowledge and the attitudes on good health and proper nutrition for their children. 1738 home gardens were established. Special training provided to 12 pre-school teachers of these ECD centers on teaching methods and school management. These centers have been highly recognized by the Government of Sri Lanka and considered as model ECD centers. Midwives and Provincial ECCD coordinators regularly visit these centers. As a result of all these interventions, both regular attendance of children and community participation in these centers have increased by 80%. The project was implemented with funding from ChildFund Australia.
- Trained 15 ECD Teachers attached to 8 ECCD centers in Trincomalee on ECD education benefiting nearly 250 children. Constructed play parks in 4 ECD centers and were equipped with play items for 10 ECD centers in the project area to ensure proper ECD education. In addition to this, 9 ECD centers in Polonnaruwa had been provided with financial assistance for the maintenance of the centers to ensure the operation of centers for the benefit of approximately 300 children.
- Provided fresh milk for 531 children who attended ECD centers, assisted 34 families for home gardening and conducted awareness on the importance of taking nutritious food for pregnant mothers.
- Conducted a 3-day medical camp in Desfford Tea estate and Loggie Tea estate in Nuwara Eliya Bright Future Program which targeted the laborer or Tea plucker families working in the Tea estates. A total of 269 children and 200 maternity patients from seven tea estates were investigated and treated. This medical camp was organized for a visiting Medical team organized by ChildFund Korea.

A remarkable accomplishment of this camp was the diagnosis of a child D. Roshinie having advanced congenital heart disease needing urgent surgery. The medical team from Korea agreed to support operation of the child by raising Rs 350,000 from Korea.

Positive outcomes for children

- Constructed sanitary toilets benefitting 70 families in both projects in Trincomalee and Polonnaruwa with community contribution. Safe drinking water has been a major problem in these project locations and the communities were assisted with materials to construct 9 wells. The wells are now being used by the families.
- 183 toilets constructed and 72 families were provided access to safe drinking water facilities while another 171 families received water filters after a ground water testing was done by the National Water Supply & Drainage Board.
- Provided 16 water supply systems for government schools and ECCD centers.
- Constructed 192 houses under the housing improvement program, apart from the kitchen improvement program at family level.
- Improved the quality and standards in 192 ECCD Centers through the provision of water and sanitation facilities, play and stationary items, furniture, training for pre school teachers and mother groups. A total of 5687 children benefited through this program.
- Created awareness among 100 mothers on better feeding practices for infants and 54 pregnant mothers were provided with nutritious food ration.
- Provided mid-day meals for 90% of children attending pre schools with ChildFund funds and parents' contribution.
- Completed 60% of the construction of the Pediatric Ward at the Ashraff Memorial Hospital Kalmunai.
- Minimized threat of bowel diseases among children through the completion of water projects in 02 schools and 02 community water projects in the Bright Future Program in Hambantota.
- Improved teaching quality of Preschool teachers through the training of 30 ECCD teachers in the Bright Future program in Hambantota.
- Achieved the minimum standard for Pre schools through the upgrading of 06 preschools in the Bright Future program in Hambantota.
- Data collected of families without year round access to safe drinking water in Puttalam and Trincomalee District sponsorship programs to improve the quality of water which will prevent water borne diseases among 0-5 and older children.
- Established ECCD management committees in 12 ECD centers in Trincomalee on school management.
- Completed 50% of the construction of safety fences in 6 ECD centers in Trincomalee.

Positive outcomes for children

- Contributed to maintain a good environmental sanitation by providing 121 toilets to families in the district of Hambantota.
- Contributed to the prevention of water borne diseases by water testing and improving the quality of water in 40 wells and providing low cost filters and created access to safe drinking water with the assistance of government Water Board in Gomarankadawala Trincomalee and Moneragala.
- Improved class rooms with teachers trained in best practices of Early Childhood Care and Development benefiting 1276 pre school children. To achieve this end Ruhunu Wellassa Area Federation Hambantota renovated 08 pre school buildings and facilitated 12 teachers to undergo Diploma Level Teacher Training.



Quality learning opportunities and enhancing achievements in basic education

ChildFund Sri Lanka designed programs to effectively reducing the number of primary school-age children who are not enrolled in school, expanding secondary education, improving children's literacy and learning skills and build children's confidence.

- Established a model Children's Learning Center at Egodapitiya in the district of Puttalam. This center provides a range of after school activities to the children including Library facilities for further reading, Music and dancing classes, English classes and Skilled volunteers to support children with learning difficulties etc. Approximately 1500 children benefit from this learning center.
- Organized and conducted additional classes lead by Teachers on mathematics, science and English after school hours in Trincomalee benefiting around 500 children from Grade 5 to Grade 10. These are the three subjects where children in the area face maximum learning difficulty; this problem has got aggravated due to conflict situation where many rural schools do not even have teachers for these three important subjects.
- Supplied school items for 2128 students from Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee projects to ensure the continuation of education and to reduce school dropouts from the project areas. Assisted one School in Polonnaruwa to establish an outdoor study area.
- Provided financial assistance to 78 children attending preparatory classes for GCE Advanced Level (GCE - A/L) to obtain quality education facilities while another 1073 children benefited through supplementary classes and language classes. Another 334 students benefited through seminars which were conducted for the preparation of A/L examination.
- Supported the construction of a library for children of the Dasuna Children's Program with financial contribution of over Rs.2 million in a joint partnership project with the District Secretariat and the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation.
- Renovated classrooms in 06 schools in Bright Future program in Hambantota.
- Developed play fields in 02 schools in Bright Future program in Hambantota
- Supplied sports equipment to 06 schools in Bright Future program in Hambantota.
- Conducted supplementary classes for 492 children from both Trincomalee and Polonnaruwa affiliated projects.
- Supplied sufficient stocks of play materials and upgraded play areas in 10 under-privileged schools in remote villages in Hambantota, benefiting 4540 School Children to engage in sports activities.

Quality learning opportunities and enhancing achievements in basic education

- Conducted the “Global Education Campaign” event under the theme “Youth and Adult Literacy and Life long Learning” in 10 ChildFund affiliated projects partnered with Government officials, religious leaders, parents, school teachers and children to recognize and advocate for the need to be literate; i.e. learning to read and write. The event highlighted the importance of education with special emphasis on youth and adults. To mark the event, two ChildFund projects organized a special radio program in which issues related to youth and adult education and how programs of ChildFund Sri Lanka projects could address them in the next planning year with participation of Community groups were discussed.
- Provided assistance to 937 children for supplementary classes, while another 2266 children received school requisites.
- Established 218 children’s societies under the formation and strengthening of children’s societies in government schools and communities.



Skilled and involved youth

Giving youth brighter opportunities and making them committed to seeing change take place in their own communities:

- Conducted 63 training sessions for zonal level children societies. Subsequently, a strong Child and Youth Federation was established by federating 10 children's societies. This society conducted a 2-day residential youth camp in the Bright Future Program in Hambantota. About 1000 children benefited through a Skills Enhancement Program.
- A total of 677 youth graduated in Business Enterprise Development Trainings out of which 300 youth participated in an industrial exposure in search of future carrier opportunities.
- Provided vocational and other skills training such as computer, livelihood etc., for 282 youth.
- Conducted Middle Level Management courses for 75 youths within the age range of 18 to 29 years in the Bright Future program in Hambantota.
- Trained 60 youths for the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Awards in the Bright Future program in Hambantota area while another 300 youth in the age range of 14 to 25 years were exposed to a pre-expedition training under the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award Program.
- A total of 267 youth attached to the ChildFund IDP camps in Batticaloa received bronze medals under the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award Program.
- Conducted six life skills development workshops for 360 youth attached to the Bright Future program in Hambantota, where they were trained in problem solving processes and involved them in the group activities carried out in the Workshops.
- Provided skills development training for 250 youth as well as in the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award program in Gomarankadawala & Morawewa in Trincomalee district and Siaymbalanduwa in Moneragala District and Dambulla project in Matale District.
- A total of 745 youth participated in the Duke of Edinburgh program out of which 260 youth were awarded bronze medal and another 40 qualified for the said medal. The other 455 youth are continuing the program successfully.
- Established and strengthened 61 youth clubs providing young people with training on community leadership. Further, 200 youth were exposed to career guidance training while another 31 youth were provided employable skills in coordination with government institutions, NGOs and other Private Vocational Training institutions in Gomarankadawala and Siaymbalanduwa.



Skilled and involved youth

Giving young people the opportunity to make the best use of their leisure time

- To achieve success in life with challenges faced through expeditions
- To serve others through service
- To emerge into society with health and strength through sports
- To develop talents through training for acquiring life skills

A personal development program for young people, the Duke of Edinburgh International Youth Award Program has been a successful life skills and personality development endeavor for the youth in the ChildFund affiliated programs. The program promotes and develops leadership, self-determination, self-confidence, perseverance and a desire to be of service to others. It is in deed a challenge and an opportunity, a way to develop skills, take up new interests, experience adventure, make friends, help the community – and help the youth themselves. It also enhances respect towards nature and an appreciation of resource limitations. There are 520 youth in the ChildFund affiliated programs, between the age of 14 and 24 years who are enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award Program and involved in a wide variety of purposeful activity. They can choose activities which suit their own individual tastes and talents and which are relevant to local community needs. The help of adults to instruct and guide young people in the activities of their choice is essential to the success of the program. These young boys and girls were engaged in assignments under the four main activities:

Service:	Community service, assisting needy children, youth service, First Aid, Sunday school teaching, Disaster Relief, Adult home service, and many others,
Expedition:	Mountain climbing, visit historical locations, Nature camp, Jungle trips, Cross –country tours,
Skill development/Interests:	Dancing, Paintings, Music, handicraft, collection and surveys, Communication, cookery, woodwork, pottery, singing, languages, computer science and many others
Physical Activity:	Physical Efficiency, Athletics, Swimming, Individual Sports, and Team Games.



A total of 745 youth participated in the program while 260 youth were awarded bronze medals and another 40 were qualified for the said medal. The other 455 youth are continuing the program successfully.

ChildFund Sri Lanka which is registered as an operating authority with the National Youth Awards Authority since 2005 continued to promote and provide the Award to more young people in the ChildFund programs.

ChildFund Sri Lanka help war affected children resume life in peace.

At long last, ChildFund Sri Lanka was able to expand its reach to the children in the north! With the 25 year old war in the north being declared over by the government, ChildFund Sri Lanka stepped in with programs to support vulnerable children housed in IDP camps. Nearly 300,000 people have been displaced and many among them are children in their thousands lacking basic needs such as food, clothing, proper shelter, medical care, safe water and good sanitation. ChildFund began its emergency relief activities after having obtained permission from the government to work in the north. The highest number of IDPs are temporarily sheltered in the Vavuniya District.

ChildFund established two emergency response programs – one in the Dharmapuram IDP Camp and the other in the Poonthodam IDP Camp in Vavuniya. Activities began with the opening of Child Centered Spaces (CCS) as a means of providing safety, normalization, adult supervision, emotional support and a platform for building formal education. Five Child Centered Spaces (CCS) in the Poonthodam Camp in Vavunia were set up to provide a safe place for children to play and learn surrounded by caring adults. There are 2245 children from birth to 18 years of age in this camp. Each CCS centre accommodated approximately 260 children. As a first step to help children in their normalizing activities, play material and learning material such as toys, game sets, drawing books, exercise books, pencils, painting sticks etc., were provided to the children. This was done from a list of preferred play material obtained from the children. At the CCS children receive a nutritious snack on a daily basis. Five CCS are being established in the Dharmapuram camp.



Emergency Response

Child Fund Sri Lanka was one of the first INGOs to make an entry to the north to assist the IDP community. ChildFund works closely with the government by contributing to its humanitarian relief/recovery efforts in the North.

The school aged children in the IDP camps have not been able to attend formal schools for more than a year as many schools have been damaged or destroyed completely due to the war. Still, they need to continue their education uninterrupted. The children are keen on pursuing their studies. Temporary schools are run by the Education Department officials who are also IDPs. Teaching is done in open areas within the camps. ChildFund Sri Lanka provided learning material such as exercise books, pens, pencils and other requisites.



Children in the Poonthoddam IDP camp engaged in informal education.



Guru Naik National Director meets children at a ChildFund CCS in the Poonthoddam IDP Camp

Emergency Response

ChildFund supports children in IDP camps to instill reading habits

With the objective of enhancing literacy through reading among children who have faced conflict for a longer period, ChildFund Sri Lanka provided books and furniture to set up libraries in 5 villages in IDP Camps in Vavuniya District in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Services. The project will enhance reading habits among the children in IDP camps.

Supporting disadvantaged families in the Jaffna District:

Through the “Gift of Love and Hope” funding, ChildFund assisted disadvantaged children and their families by providing bicycles for children, fresh milk for children, mosquito nets, solar panels for four schools, desk and chairs for preschool children and reading glasses. In addition, wells and latrines were constructed for these families. To improve their income status by engaging in income generation activities, fruit plants, home gardening kits, water pumps, cows and female goats and baby chickens were provided. This program was carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare.



Significant events during the year

- ChildFund Sri Lanka's five-year Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2009-2014 was developed in alignment with the organization's Global Strategy. The Sri Lanka strategic plan clearly articulates the organization's Core Intent and the Core Outcomes. The CSP literally focuses on the organization's new program development model known as "Bright Futures". Adopting the lifecycle approach to child development, this CSP will guide us throughout the next five years with our program interventions lined up to achieve the organization's core intent with proven impact on our core outcomes. Throughout the CSP period ChildFund Sri Lanka will strive to positively respond to the ever emerging needs of the deprived, excluded and vulnerable children across the country. The three core program areas as described in the CSP are Fostering Care and Development of Infants and Young Children, Enhancing Educational Achievements of Children and Advancing Leadership and Livelihood Skills of Youth. The development of the CSP was done through a participatory approach involving all our stakeholders.



ChildFund Sri Lanka's draft CSP being presented to the ChildFund Asia Regional Office Team.

- ChildFund's Core programs rolled out in sponsorship and Bright Futures programs
- Construction of the gigantic pediatric ward construction project in Kalmunai commenced.
- "Bright Futures" – ChildFund's new sponsorship programming model was rolled out in the Tea Plantation program "T-Field Child Development Federation" in Nuwara Eliya. This was the second Bright Futures program to be implemented in Sri Lanka. A total of 4120 children are enrolled in the program while the total beneficiary population is 31838. The first Bright Futures Program was rolled out in Hambantota in 2007. The Bright Futures program provides for a greater and increased participation and involvement of children, youth and parents in program implementation that would ensure better outcomes. It also helps build the capacity of the community to address the causes of child poverty and adversaries identified in the area. As a whole, ChildFund Sri Lanka aims to establish six Bright Futures Areas over the next five years.



Significant events during the year

- ChildFund Sri Lanka was the first program country within the Asia Region to pilot test the Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) through a baseline survey which was conducted in the new Bright Futures Program Area in Nuwara Eliya. A total of 11 estates were included in the Survey. The LQAS method was used to determine the priority needs of the communities in order to design program interventions in relation to the Core Programs.
- ChildFund Sri Lanka's Sponsorship Program in Trincomalee commenced transitioning into Bright Future programming approach.
- ChildFund Sri Lanka made a breakthrough to the Northern Province in the immediate aftermath of the war by providing emergency relief services to the internally displaced children and their families housed in IDP camps in Vavuniya. ChildFund Sri Lanka lost no time to set up Child Centered Spaces (CCS) in two IDP camps in Vavunia District to ensure safety and recovery of the vulnerable children. These spaces provide a safe place where children can play and learn.



- The organization name change process was successfully finalized with the endorsement received from the Ministry of Social Services followed by the issuance of a new registration certificate carrying the new name "ChildFund Sri Lanka" paving the way for us to officially function as ChildFund Sri Lanka beginning July 1st 2009.

Significant events during the year

With a new strategy, a new brand and a new vision in place, our mission to help the country's deprived, excluded and vulnerable children will continue under a new name effective July 1st 2009.

The National Director issued a press release on the name change which was published in several leading local newspapers. This was followed by a press conference with a large gathering of media personnel representing the print and electronic media. Highlights of the press conference were telecast over the national and private TV companies. Subsequently, a special event was held on 29th June 2009 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute in Colombo to officially welcome and celebrate the new name and brand. The event was attended by a large gathering of our enrolled children, affiliated project parents, staff and other stakeholders. The flag changing ceremony was followed by the release of 100 green and white gas balloons with the ChildFund name printed on them. The ChildFund Cake was cut by the National Director.



National Director celebrates our new name

Donor partnership

Ensuring a protective environment for children and developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills in youth



This project has helped children regularly attend Child Centered Spaces (CCS) to play, enjoy fellowship, discuss with their peers, relax and get involved in sports. Children have taken the initiative in community social work like cleaning places of worship, hospitals and other places of public gathering. Illnesses among children have reduced significantly due to the practice of good health habits and due to improved housing conditions. School children attend extra classes with the support of

volunteers. The three libraries equipped with books have made it convenient for the children to access reference books who otherwise have to travel all the way to the Batticaloa Town for library reference. The books available in the libraries were just enough for their research studies to prepare for their examination. The other benefit is their personal security and safety as the three libraries set up which are close to their homes. Advocacy training for children is bearing fruit. Children have approached the educational authorities to obtain their needed educational requisites owed to them by the government. The children now get their text books on time which are provided by the government. Children's nutritional status has improved. Child Well Being Committees were established in each of the 06 communities which support the expansion of livelihoods of these families. A total of 235 beneficiary families received loans for income generating activities like cattle and goat rearing, production of confectionaries, poultry, small scale businesses, sewing, fishing etc. Many of the families have already made profit out of their income generating activities which has increased their household income. Houses of the poultry breeders have been improved or upgraded. Youth engaged in compost making have developed their skills and the compost manufactured by them are being marketed. The youth in the program implementation areas are mostly involved in their skills development through training. Leadership in getting their task completed is one of the outstanding qualities that could be seen with Youths and as a result 102 youth received Bronze medals and certificates under the Duke of Edinburgh International Youth Award Program. They are working hard for the Silver medal in the next round. A total of 3000 children are direct beneficiaries of the program.

A three-year project funded by ChildFund New Zealand, the Livelihoods & Child Protection Capacity Building Project ensures the wellbeing of conflict affected children and their families by building the capacities of children, youth and parents to take on the lead to achieve sustainability and self-reliance. It also enables conflict affected families to economically support themselves and to meet their own needs. The program targets 400 vulnerable families in 06 communities who had lost their livelihoods to the civil war in the Eastern Province.

Donor partnership

ECCD Development Project – Centre Based & Home Based Care

Twelve community preschools were upgraded to function as child friendly ECCD centers, meeting National minimum standards; 04 ECCD centers in Anuradhapura and 8 ECCD centers in Puttalam benefiting 320 children. In keeping with the minimum standards, all the 12 preschools were equipped with appropriate furniture, indoor play materials, toys for learning circles, bottle hangers and other infrastructure facilities. The ECCD centers were also provided with water and sanitation facilities. Each of the 12 pre schools is surrounded by a protective fence and gate to ensure protection of children and the premises. Preschools walls are painted with child friendly messages and drawings. Provided skills training for the 24 preschool teachers on “what is Early Childhood Development”; development of creative play items using low cost materials, learning circle & 5S concept for pre schools, making outdoor play areas “Sellam Midula” in every preschool.

Preschool attendance improved with over 80% of enrolled children attending the ECCD centres regularly. Conducted awareness program for Parents/caregivers on the importance of preschool education and enhanced the knowledge and skills needed by them to raise healthy children. Growth monitoring of children were done on a regular basis by Public Health Midwives. Nearly 1000 mothers/caregivers joined in discussion groups and that led to their enhanced knowledge on different health and nutritional issues which affect the growth and development of children and also about home based care practices at their homes. These families have enhanced household food security through establishment of Home Gardens leading to improved nutritional status of children. As a result, 1738 Home gardens were established.

The project provides a safe, caring and good environment at the home by improving the knowledge and the attitudes of the mothers/care takers on homebased care, health and Nutrition. This program targeting 4300 beneficiaries includes children, parents and caregivers involved in ECCD centres of Dasuna, Sevana, Subuthi and Thalawa Projects in Anuradhapura / Puttalam Districts. The project is



A Pediatric Ward for children in Kalmunai



The Pediatric ward will provide needed health care to infants and young children thereby reducing illnesses and deaths due to infections caused by pneumonia, Malaria and Diarrhoea. In addition the children's ward will have increased access to adequate space for Acute, Chronic and Diarrhoea cases and Special Baby Care Unit, Premature Baby Unit for the well baby clinic and other special activities. ChildFund understands that the period from birth to five years is the most critical time of development in a child's life. ChildFund provides safe

motherhood and neo-natal health. Construction activities of the Pediatric Ward complex at the Ashroff Memorial Hospital in Kalmunai progressed well during the year. The project is being funded by ChildFund Germany and the construction is expected to be completed by mid 2010. Over 150,000 young children will directly benefit from this project.

Child Friendly Water and Sanitation facilities in Sinhapura School in Morawewa, Trincomalee

The project provided access to child friendly water & sanitation facilities to this school benefiting 222 students and improved their hygiene practices. Fourteen school teachers also gained access to sanitary facilities and are able to use active learning methodologies for developing hygiene behavior among their students. Health clubs were formed to implement and monitor the participatory hygiene activities with the support of teachers. Safe Water and good Sanitation was a dire need for the students of the Sinhapura School. This requirement was fulfilled by the funding support received from ChildFund New Zealand. Two units of toilets were constructed separately for boys and girls with water facility.



Donor partnership

Water and Sanitation through hygiene education in the “Dessford” and “Calsimahaeliya” Tea Plantation Estates

Due to poor hygiene, inadequate quantities and quality of drinking water, and lack of sanitation facilities many of the children in the Dessford and Calsimahaeliya Estates very often than not suffer from water borne diseases and other preventable diseases. With funding coming from ChildFund New Zealand, access to clean water and proper sanitation was a god-send to the vulnerable children and their families in these two Estates where ChildFund programs are on-going. A total of 117 tap points were set up to provide clean water for 440 households in the Calsimahaeliya Estate while 177 water points with a 2000 Leter water tank were set up for use by 659 beneficiary families in the Dessford Estate. The community provided free labor for the setting up of these water points and laying of pipelines. Constructed 100 water sealed toilets for 100 families in Calsimahaeliya Estate. In addition, 03 toilets blocks were constructed for 03 schools in the area, where beneficiary children attend. Similarly 100 families in the Dessford Estate were provided 100 water sealed toilets. Three toilet blocks for 03 schools in the estate area were constructed where children of beneficiaries attend.

All beneficiary families in both estates were provided with awareness trainings on hygiene and on water pollution and management, water borne diseases and preventive health and helped children and families adopt good practices. Water system maintaining committees comprising of parents have been formed for the operation and maintenance of the water supply systems. These water and sanitation activities have brought out positive impact on the children and the communities with changed hygiene and sanitation behaviors. Childhood illnesses have reduced up to 50%; health & nutritional status of children aged 0-5 years of age have improved tremendously; improved coordination and cooperation amongst the community members. The relationship between community members and estate management improved as they cooperate to achieve the objectives of the program.



What our stakeholders think of us...



It is with much pleasure that I write this small message to the Annual Report of Child Fund Sri Lanka for the year 2008/2009. I have had a very close relationship with the organization ever since I was posted here.

The organization delivers its services to the communities in need in the District through its partner organization Ruhunu Wellassa Area Federation.

Their projects & programs are found to be properly planned and are aimed at the well being of the deprived, secluded and vulnerable children in keeping with their mission declaration. Their Proposals & Plans are qualitatively sound and quantitatively adequate to address the Child Poverty Issues in this District.

I would like to mention here that the organization has a very sound rapport with the Government Departments and they always adhere to the Government approved policies rules and regulations. Transparency is the most admirable quality that I appreciate very much in them.

Their Health & Basic Education Improving Programs are receiving recognition as well as the support they need from the relevant Government Departments and they work hand in hand with the Government Agencies to achieve the common goal of a brighter future for the children in Hambantota District.

They also won the Second place in the Productivity Award Competition for INGO sector organized by the District Secretariat, Hambantota this year.

I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

R.M.D.B. Meegasmulla

District Secretary, Hambantota



It gives me pleasure to deliver a message to the publication of the Annual Report of the ChildFund Sri Lanka.

ChildFund Sri Lanka is an INGO which performs its activities through the local partner organization for a long period in Trincomalee District. At present they work in the DS divisions of Morawewa, Gomarankadawala and Kuchchaweli. They have been executing their assignments as regards the Child Care and Nutrition, Education and Youth Skill Development. This organization is closely working with DSS, MOHs, Zonal Director of Education and District Secretariat in an excellent manner.

The service provided by the ChildFund Sri Lanka for the betterment of children, specially improve their health nutrition and Education Standard and Vocational skills Development for youth are commendable.

In concluding, I wish to extend my thanks and gratefulness for the invaluable assistance rendered by ChildFund Sri Lanka had facilitate a long way to bring the vulnerable communities into the mainstream of normal life.

A Nadarajah

Additional District Government Agent &
Additional District Secretary
Trincomalee

What our stakeholders think of us...



"The service that has been rendered by ChildFund Sri Lanka during the year towards social wellbeing is invaluable. We are happy to note the immense contribution made by the organization to help children in need achieve their potential. The close communication, link as well as ChildFund's continued partnership with the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare in Sri Lanka is highly admirable".

(Mrs.) V. Jegarasasingam

Secretary

Ministry of Social Services & Social Welfare



I am glad to convey this message on this great occasion that ChildFund Sri Lanka has been rendering a distinguished service to the district of Puttalam by implementing a number of child development programs, aimed at building a safe and secure environment for children and is giving them the chance for a real future through empowering social relationship in the community.

The service provided by ChildFund Sri Lanka to the selected DS divisions in the backward areas such as Mundal, Karuwalagaswewa, Anamaduwa and Pallama towards the betterment of the deprived children, youth and parents are appreciative.

The construction of infrastructures, sanitary facilities, implementation of educational programs and support for health care for the needy children; skills development and career guidance for youth and conducting an awareness program and sharing of technical knowledge on self-employment among parents from the poverty ridden community in order to boost their income level are some of remarkable achievements reached in the divisions and contribute immensely to the development of the district.

I hope and wish that the services, rendered by the ChildFund Sri Lanka would continue without interruption in order to achieve the sustainable development of the district.

M. Kingsley Fernando

District Secretary, Puttalam

Addl. Secretary – Home Affairs



I wish to mention that ChildFund, which supports programs implemented by the Mihi-katha Mehewara Child Development Federation operating in the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division has paid much attention and emphasis on children's health education, early childhood development and capacity development of children through the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award program. ChildFund is recognized for its child development program within the district as an NGO.

J.J. Rathnasiri

District Secretary

Moneragala

What our stakeholders think of us...



As the Divisional Secretary of the Divisional Secretariat Division of Galenbindunuwewa, I give this message with great pleasure. By experience, I know that the services rendered for the children through ChildFund, which is an international organization are enormous. I have personally attended many of its functions, opening ceremonies and evaluation of new creations. This has been an immense support towards the education of the children of low-income families. Some of the important and useful services provided under the program are -

- Development of preschool education
- Provision of free extra classes
- Development of library facilities
- Educational tours

I know personally that the ChildFund, jointly with the Subuthi Child and Family Program does a great service within the Galenbindunuwewa area and I wish the organization courage and abilities to provide more and more services to the children and families.

P.D.L. Gunarathne

Divisional Secretary
Galenbindunuwewa



I deeply appreciate the honorable services rendered by the ChildFund as a non-governmental organization, targeting the Nuwara Eliya district for the upliftment of the living standards of the people living under most difficult conditions and also developing the infrastructure in the area.

Specially centered around child development, the services rendered in the fields of children's health and education is highly commendable. Similarly, providing job placements through skills development of youth who have left school and those who have dropped out of school is a timely requirement.

I expect the same spirit of interest and dedication by your organization towards the well-being and development of the people, especially the children of this district in the future too.

D.P.G. Kumarasiri

District Secretary – Nuwara Eliya

What our stakeholders think of us...



ChildFund – Sri Lanka, Batticaloa has implemented child focused programs in Batticaloa District, which involved child protection, education, health and also pre-school related programs.

They had very good coordination with the Government Sectors, especially with me in order to implement their programs. Further, it is noteworthy to mention that, ChildFund-Sri Lanka, Batticaloa has expanded their assistance to the resettled internally displaced population by way of implementing livelihood activities, which is noteworthy.

ChildFund has also extended their fullest cooperation when the district was dealing with health. To mention one, ChildFund assisted the health sector when an Emergency Awareness program was conducted for Dengue in recent times. Mr. Guru Naik National director, Mr. Jeganathan Operations Manager and Mr. J. Bernard Pragash have been coordinating with me in all aspects of their implementation and I assure them of my cooperation in implementing their programs.

I wish ChildFund- Sri Lanka a very bright future in implementing child focused programs which will surely bring positive changes in the community.

S. Arumainayaham

Government Agent/District Secretary
Batticaloa District



It is a pleasure to observe that Child Fund- Sri Lanka was one of the organizations that came forward to assist the Tsunami affected communities in the Coastal areas of Ampara. They have focused their activities on Child Protection, Livelihood and Health services. ChildFund is now constructing a pediatric ward at the Ashraff Hospital which will indeed benefit most of the children in the area.

I congratulate ChildFund Sri Lanka for the successful services rendered toward the needy poor.

Sunil Kannangara

District Secretary/Government Agent
Ampara

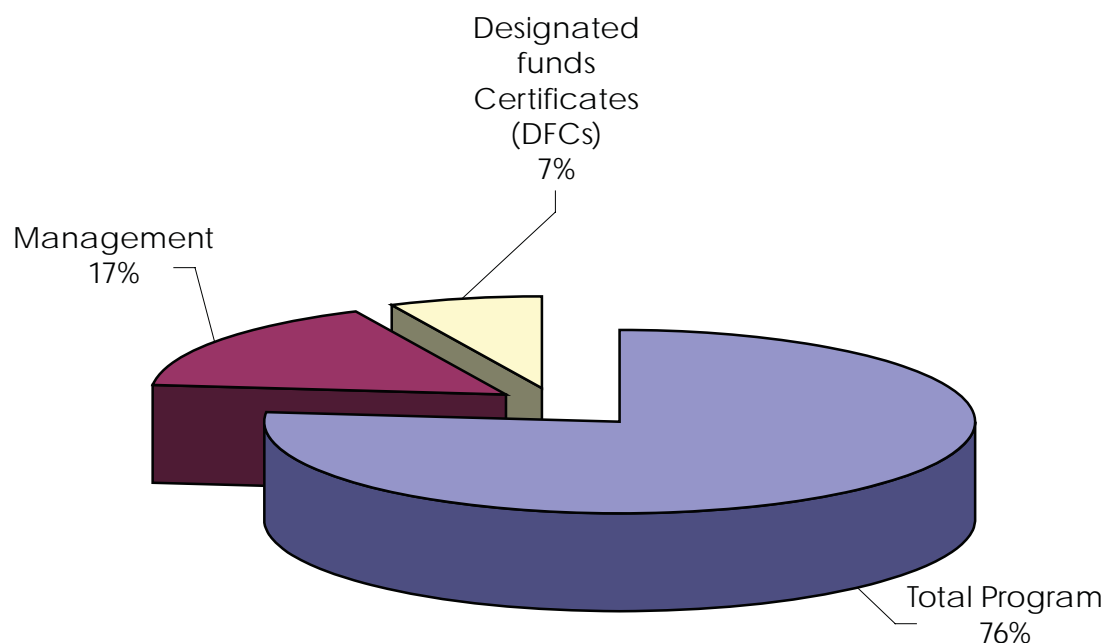
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2009 & 2008

	2009 in LKR	2008 in LKR
Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipments	2,353,010	5,001,625
Accounts receivable	30,103,877	39,024,254
Deposits, advances and prepayments	6,337,195	16,652,864
Cash and cash equivalents	81,229,309	21,239,985
Total Assets	120,023,391	81,918,728
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	39,921,959	65,174,944
Total Liabilities	39,921,959	65,174,944
Net Assets		
Accumulated fund	74,528,284	11,933,822
Deferred liabilities	5,573,148	4,809,962
Total Net Assets	80,101,432	16,743,784
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	120,023,391	81,918,728

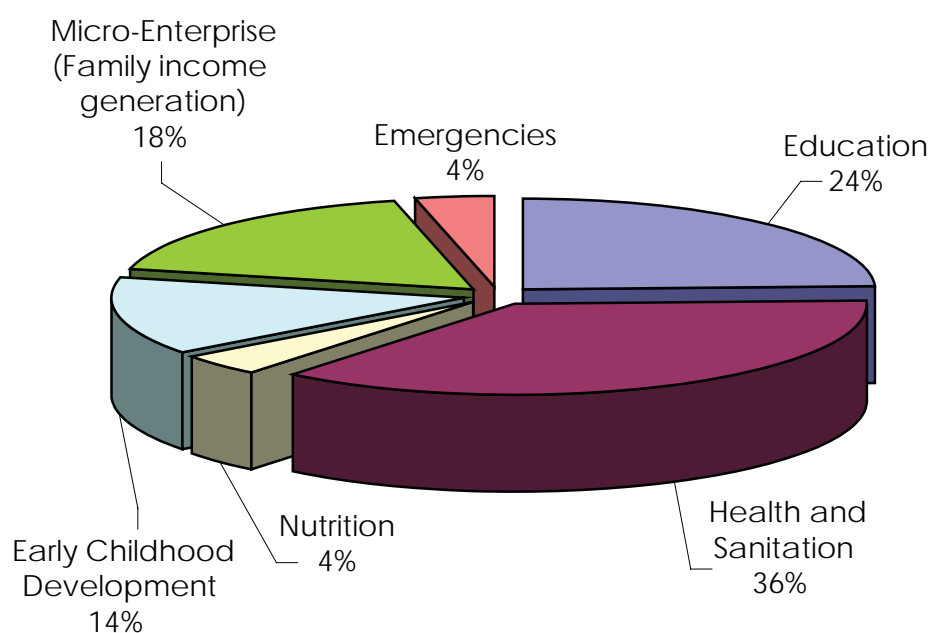
Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the year ending June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009 in LKR	2008 in LKR
Incoming resources		
Sponsorships	248,297,620	236,047,293
Non Sponsorship Funds	32,317,193	193,039,347
Grants	109,844,537	176,229,385
Working Fund	167,401,440	48,995,638
Designated Fund Certificates (DFCs)	37,201,228	39,024,254
Revenue Earned	14,022,129	13,629
Working Fund	81,229,309	21,239,985
Total Incoming Resources	609,084,147	693,908,592
Expenses		
Program:		
Education	102,069,991	102,815,391
Health and Sanitation	153,063,794	146,743,509
Nutrition	16,294,238	35,018,657
Early Childhood Development	57,345,263	81,738,486
Micro-Enterprise (Family income generation)	75,064,087	94,522,602
Emergencies	15,045,780	152,308,924
Working Fund	81,229,309	21,239,985
Total Program	418,883,153	613,147,570
Designated Fund Certificates (DFCs)	37,385,134	40,329,991
Management and General	90,221,398	81,720,401
Total Expenses from Operations	546,489,685	735,197,962
Changes in Net Assets from Operations	62,594,462	(41,289,370)

How your gifts are used to help



Areas of assistance to children & families





ChildFund Sri Lanka

147, Suvisuddharama Road, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka

Tel: + 94 11 2 501 238

Fax: + 94 11 2 552 909

Email: slnocol@srilanka.childfund.org

Website: www.childfund.org